

**\*swainaz** Runic: ᚱᚰᚰᚰᚰᚰᚰᚰᚰ Pronunciation: /'swaj.naz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

## Meanings

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1. relative; kinsman
2. young man
3. herder; herdsman, swineherd

## Etymology

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Either from Proto-Indo-European \*s(w)e- ('separate; apart; oneself; one's own'), or derived from \*swīnā ('pig, swine'), that is, a "pig herder" > "young man, relative". It is also possible that both derivations converged and conflated in the descendant languages.

## Declension

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| Case  | Singular         | Plural           |
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| Nom.  | swainaz          | swainōz, swainōs |
| Acc.  | swainą           | swainanz         |
| Gen.  | swainas, swainis | swainô           |
| Dat.  | swainai          | swainamaz        |
| Inst. | swainō           | swainamiz        |
| Voc.  | swain            | swainōz, swainōs |

# Descendants

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\***swain** (Proto-West Germanic)

**swān** (Old English)

**swan, swane, swon, swone** (Middle English)

\***swain** (Proto-West Germanic)

**swein** (Old High German)

**swein** (Middle High German)

**Schwein** (German)

\***swain** (Proto-West Germanic)

**swēn** (Old Saxon)

**swên, swein** (Middle Low German)

**sveinn** (Old Norse)

**sveinur** (Faroese)

**sveinn** (Icelandic)

**sveinn** (Old Norse)

**svein, sveidn** (Norwegian Nynorsk)

**svein** (Norwegian Bokmål)

**sveinn** (Old Norse)

**swen** (Old Danish)

**svend** (Danish)

**svenn** (Norwegian Bokmål)

**sveinn** (Old Norse)

**swegen** (Old English)

**swayn, sweine, sweyn, sueyn, swain, swein, swaine, sweyne, swane** (Middle English)

**swain** (English)

**swaine, swane** (Scots)

**sveinn** (Old Norse)

**svēn, svæn** (Old Swedish)

**sven** (Swedish)

\***svājnēs** (Proto-Samic)

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